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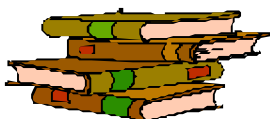
The new normals for temperature are more representative of the long term averages.

Normals for precipitation did not change much. Some monthly precipitation normals changed somewhat but overall annual precipitation amounts did not change much. Normal annual precipitation for Little Rock decreased 0.06 inches, or 0.12 percent. The Little Rock monthly normals for precipitation decreased for February, March, April, July, August, September, and December. In most cases it was a small decrease, but normal precipitation decreased significantly in September. Normal monthly precipitation increased in the other months, with only November showing a significant increase.



Across Arkansas, normal annual temperatures range from 53.7 degrees at Deer to 64.6 degrees at Texarkana. Normal January temperatures range from 31.1 degrees at Deer to 44.3 degrees at Texarkana. Normal July temperatures range from 74.4 degrees at Deer to 83.2 degrees at North Little Rock.

Normal annual precipitation ranges from 42.15 inches at Kelso in Desha County to 62.65 inches at Big Fork in Polk County. Most normal annual precipitation across Arkansas is from 45 to 55 inches...with the northwest generally the driest and the southwest...mainly along the south slopes of the Ouachita Mountains...generally the wettest.



Comparisons of old normals to the new normals

Temperature

Maxes	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
1971-2000 norm	49.1	55.1	64.1	73.2	80.5	88.6
1961-1990 norm	47.6	52.7	62.7	72.9	79.6	87.4
Change	+1.5	+2.4	+1.4	+0.3	+0.9	+1.2

Mins	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
1971-2000 norm	31.3	36.1	44.5	52.7	61.2	68.9
1961-1990 norm	29.4	33.6	42.6	52.2	59.7	67.5
Change	+1.9	+2.5	+1.9	+0.5	+1.5	+1.4

Maxes	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann.
1971-2000 norm	93.5	92.6	85.0	74.8	61.6	51.9	72.5
1961-1990 norm	91.5	89.9	82.9	73.1	61.2	50.7	71.0
Change	+2.0	+2.7	+2.1	+1.7	+0.4	+1.2	+1.5

Mins	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann.
1971-2000 norm	72.9	71.5	64.9	54.1	43.4	34.9	53.0
1961-1990 norm	71.3	70.0	63.7	52.6	42.4	33.7	51.6
Change	+1.6	+1.5	+1.2	+1.5	+1.0	+1.2	+1.4

Precipitation

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
1971-2000 norm	3.37	3.27	4.88	5.03	5.40	3.51
1961-1990 norm	3.21	3.53	4.97	5.08	5.24	3.26
Change	+0.16	-0.26	-0.09	-0.05	+0.16	+0.25

	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann.
1971-2000 norm	3.15	2.97	3.53	3.81	5.74	4.53	49.19
1961-1990 norm	3.31	3.10	4.08	3.62	5.16	4.69	49.25
Change	-0.16	-0.13	-0.55	+0.19	+0.58	-0.16	-0.06